

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The method for decorating the surface of a die according to claim ~~14~~, in which the wherein molding ~~step~~the film like photomask into the same shape as that ~~of said die is performed by~~includes heating the photomask and sticking a heated photomask to a predetermined die.

3. (canceled)

4. (new) A method for decorating a surface of a die usable for forming a three-dimensional object by a molding process, said method comprising the steps of:

coating the surface of the die with a photoresist;

molding a photomask into a same shape as a shape of said die which corresponds to a shape of the three-dimensional object;

sticking the photomask molded into said shape to said die coated with the photoresist; and

causing a pattern formed on said photomask to be arranged onto said die,

in which the die is usable to form the three-dimensional object with the pattern formed thereon by the molding process.

5. (new) The method for decorating the surface of a die according to claim 4, in which the three-dimensional object is a diaphragm of a speaker.

6. (new) A method for forming a three-dimensional object, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a die, in which the forming step includes coating the surface of the die with a photoresist, molding a photomask into a same shape as a shape of said die which corresponds to a shape of the three-dimensional object, sticking the photomask molded into said shape to said die coated with the photoresist, and causing a pattern formed on said photomask to be arranged onto said die; and

using the formed die in a molding operation to form the three-dimensional object,

in which the formed three-dimensional object has the pattern thereon.

7. (new) The method according to claim 6, in which the three-dimensional object is a diaphragm of a speaker.

8. (new) A die usable in a molding process, in which the die is formed by coating a surface of said die with a photoresist, sticking a photomask molded into a same shape as a shape of said die to the photoresist coated surface, and causing a pattern made on said photomask to be formed on the surface of said die, in which the die is usable to form a three-dimensional object having the pattern formed thereon by the molding process.